Senate Engrossed House Bill

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CHAPTER 330

HOUSE BILL 2668

AN ACT

CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, TO "PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS"; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 10; RELATING TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. <u>Heading change</u>

The chapter heading of title 15, chapter 14, Arizona Revised Statutes, is changed from "PROVISIONS RELATING TO BOTH COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES" to "PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS".

Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 14, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding article 10, to read:

ARTICLE 10. VOTING INFORMATION FOR POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS

15-1895. <u>Voting information: postsecondary students</u>

THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RECOGNIZED STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITIES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION AND EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RECOGNIZED STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER ITS JURISDICTION SHALL ADOPT A PLAN TO INCREASE STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING IN ELECTIONS THAT INCLUDES:

- 1. INFORMATION ABOUT ON-CAMPUS VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING OPPORTUNITIES MADE AVAILABLE IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:
 - (a) DURING NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION.
 - (b) DURING THE ISSUANCE OF STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS.
 - (c) IN ADMISSIONS PACKETS.
- 2. VOTER REGISTRATION MATERIALS AT CENTRAL CAMPUS LOCATIONS AND HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS.
 - 3. BROAD DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING:
 - (a) VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES.
 - (b) DEADLINES FOR DELIVERING BALLOTS BY MAIL.
- 4. LINKS ON INSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE WEBSITES THAT DIRECT STUDENTS TO VOTER REGISTRATION WEBSITES.
- 5. DIRECTIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE WEBSITES THAT DETAIL THE VOTER REGISTRATION PROCESS.
- 6. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR ON-CAMPUS POLLING LOCATIONS.
- 7. ENCOURAGEMENT TO STUDENT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AIMED AT INCREASING VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION TURNOUT.
- 8. POLICIES, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 16-402, TO ALLOW EXCUSED ABSENCE FROM CLASSES FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING.
- 9. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1633, POLICIES THAT PROHIBIT THE USE OF UNIVERSITY RESOURCES AND EMPLOYEES TO INFLUENCE ELECTIONS.
- 10. AN EMPHASIS ON EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES, INCLUDING REDUCED USE OF PAPER HANDOUTS AND INCREASED USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION.

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1 Sec. 3. <u>Intent</u>

The legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- 1. One of the core objectives of higher education in Arizona is assisting students to become informed and effective citizens.
- 2. The right to vote is a fundamental right of Arizonans that preserves all other rights.
- 3. Facilitating the ability of students to vote on their campuses achieves the objectives of both effective citizenship and exercising a fundamental right.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 11, 2010.

FIDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 12, 2010.